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C O N F I D E N T I A L JAN 4.

DEPTEL 2985

VOLTAN COUP

1. [redacted] INFORMED EMBOFF 1130 HOURS LOCAL JAN 4:

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B. NOTWITHSTANDING LACK COMMUNICATIONS, COUP HAS CLEARLY OCCURRED AND SIGNIFICANT (A) UNIONS ABLE MOBILIZE ESTIMATED 6 THOUSAND DEMONSTRATORS IN TINY CAPITAL (B) NO KNOWN EVIDENCE YET ANY DISTURBANCES IN COUNTRYSIDE.

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3. EMBASSY ASSUMES DEPT FOLLOWING AFP REPORTS NOTABLY INCLUDING (A) ANNOUNCEMENT OF ARMY TAKE-OVER; (B) CONFIRMATION LTCOL SANGOULE LAMIZANA'S DECLARATION BY CMDT BABA SY; (C) LAMIZANA'S STATEMENT OF INTENTION HONOR COUNTRY'S COMMITMENTS; (D) LAMISANA PROCLAMATION EARLY JAN 4 INTERALIA JUSTIFYING COUP; STATING MILITARY "NOT PREPARED TOLERATE INTERFERENCE FROM ANY QUARTER," AND REAFFIRMING UVOLTA'S ADHERENCE TO ENTETE, OCAM, OAU AND UN.

4. PARIS TELEX TO OUAGADOUGOU REPORTED OPEN.

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5. FRENCH STATE-RADIO FEATURED REPORTS OF VOLTAN COUP MORNING JAN 4 POINTING OUT (AS DOES AFP) THAT FRANCE HAS NO DEFENSE ACCORDS WITH UVOLTA AND THAT "QUESTION EVENTUAL FRENCH INTERVENTION CANNOT THEREFORE BE POSED."

6. PARIS NYTIMES OFFICE INFORMS US LLOYD GARRISSON CURRENTLY TRYING REACH OUAGADOUGOU.

GP3. MCBRIDE

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ADVANCE DELIVERY TO S/S-O, AT 7:56 AM, 1/4/66

PASSED: WHITE HOUSE AT 8:45 AM, 1/4/66